



Agenda Item Number: 5-2-13.8B

**SANDOVAL COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Date of Commission

Meeting: May 2, 2013

Division / Elected

Office: Fire Department

Staff Contact: James Maxon, Fire Chief

Title of Item: Resolution to Consolidate Existing Placitas and Algodones Fire Districts

Action Requested: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 5-2-13.8B Consolidating the Algodones and Placitas Fire Districts to include Portions of Santa Ana Pueblo and Establishment of a New Sandoval County Fire Department South Fire District Consisting of the Placitas Division and Algodones/Santa Ana Pueblo Division

Summary: The Placitas Fire District was established in 1973 and the Algodones Fire District was redistricted to include portions of Santa Ana Pueblo in 2007. The Sandoval County Fire Department would like to consolidate both fire districts and name the new fire district Sandoval County Fire Department South District. The new Fire District will consist of both a Placitas and Algodones/Santa Ana Division. This is pursued to help eliminate duplication of paper work and to enhance the ability of Sandoval County Volunteer and Career Firefighters to operate as one unit.

Attachments:

- Resolution No. 5-2-13.8B
- Fire Chief Memorandum

FISCAL IMPACT

Sandoval County Fire Department will lose approximately \$12,000 per fiscal year in State EMS Funds but will get an increase of approximately \$20,000 in State Fire Funds.



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STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

County Manager:

The consolidation will streamline the paperwork process and requirements. It will especially help our volunteers from having to submit duplicate paperwork. Recommend Board of County Commission approval. PPR 04/24/2013

**Initiating Elected Official /
Division Director:**

Request approval JHM 4/23/13

Legal:

Approved as to form. PFT 4/24/13

Finance:

Recommend Approval – CCH 4/24/13



SANDOVAL COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 5-2-13.8B

CONSOLIDATION OF THE ALGODONES AND PLACITAS FIRE DISTRICTS TO
INCLUDE PORTIONS OF SANTA ANA PUEBLO AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW
SANDOVAL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT CONSISTING OF
THE PLACITAS DIVISION AND ALGODONES/SANTA ANA PUEBLO DIVISION

WHEREAS, the New Mexico "Fire Protection Fund Law", Section 59A-53-5, NMSA 1978, as amended, authorizes the County Commissioners of any county to establish one or more county fire districts within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Placitas Fire District was established on May 29, 1973 and the Algodones Fire District was redistricted on August 2, 2007 to include portions of Santa Ana Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, upon the passing of this resolution the original resolutions that created the Algodones Fire District dated August 2, 2007, and Placitas Fire District dated May 29, 1973 shall be rescinded; and

WHEREAS, satisfactory evidence has been presented to the Sandoval County Commission that the merging of the Placitas and Algodones Fire Districts is in the best interest of both communities; and

WHEREAS, Pueblo of Santa Ana has expressed a desire for fire protection and Sandoval County has agreed to include them in the existing Algodones Fire District as of August 2, 2007. The Santa Ana Pueblo shall be included in the new Sandoval County Fire Department South District; and

WHEREAS, the new fire district shall be named the Sandoval County Fire Department South District and will consist of the Placitas and Algodones/Santa Ana Pueblo Divisions; and

WHEREAS, said district has adequate sources of water supply, personnel and fire protection equipment available and the boundaries of the said district being clearly established, and being otherwise in compliance with the statutes and laws of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, and funds received from the Fire Protection Fund of the State of New Mexico for benefit of the Sandoval County Fire Department South Fire District, State of New Mexico, shall be expended under the direction of the Chief of the Sandoval County Fire Department and on duly executed vouchers approved by this Commission and shall be disbursed in the same manner as other funds of the County are disbursed; and

WHEREAS, any monies received from the Fire Protection Fund of the State of New Mexico for the benefit of the Sandoval County Fire Department South Fire District, shall be used only for the purpose specified in Section 59-A-53-8, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANDOVAL COUNTY NEW MEXICO, that there is hereby created and established the Sandoval County Fire Department South Fire District, located and described as follows:

All unincorporated lands of Sandoval County and communities known as Algodones, El Llanito, Los Colonias, and tribal lands of Santa Ana Pueblo and the Villages of Santa Ana Pueblo including the business development center west of the Rio Grande located in Sandoval County within the following legal boundaries:

Legal Description for the Sandoval County Fire Department South District (formally known as the Placitas and Algodones Fire District) – Sandoval County, NM

Point of Beginning: Northwest corner of T13NR4E Section 4

Proceed east 10 miles

Next point: NE corner T13NR5E Section 1

Proceed south 7 miles

Next point: SE corner T12NR5E Section 1

Proceed west 9.3 miles (along the north boundary US Forest Service land)

Next point: NE corner T12NR4E Section 4

Proceed south 1.3 miles

Next point: North Boundary Sandia Reservation T12NR4E Section 9

Proceed northwest 1.5 miles

Next point: North boundary Sandia Reservation East Boundary Town of Bernalillo T12NR4E Section 5

Proceed southwest 1.3 miles

Next point: Southern corner Town of Bernalillo T12NR4E Section 7

Proceed northwest 1.5 miles

Next point: Southwest corner Town of Bernalillo T12NR3E Section 1

Proceed northeast (along the Rio Grande River)

Next point: North section line (midpoint) T13NR4E Section 31

Proceed west 1.6 miles

Next point: Northwest corner T13NR3E Section 36

Proceed 3.0 miles north

Next point: Northwest corner T13NR3E Section 13

Proceed east 3.0 miles

Next point: Southeast corner T13N R4E Section 8

Proceed north 2 miles

Point of Beginning: Northwest corner of T13NR4E Section 4

All distances are approximate

All public land is excluded from this district.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANDOVAL COUNTY**

Darryl F. Madalena, Chair

ATTEST:

Nora Scherzinger, Vice Chair

Eileen Garbagni, County Clerk

Orlando Lucero, Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Don Chapman, Member

Patrick F. Trujillo, County Attorney

Glenn Walters, Member



SANDOVAL COUNTY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

April 22, 2013

TO: Phil Rios, County Manager

FR: James Maxon, Fire Chief JHM

RE: Consolidation of Placitas and Algodones Fire Districts

This memorandum is to provide additional information for the reasoning behind the consolidation of the Placitas and Algodones Fire Districts. In July 2005, the Sandoval County Commission approved a resolution that created the Sandoval County Fire Department. The department consists of nine separate districts because of funding and incident reporting reasons. Currently Placitas, Algodones, and Sandoval County report as separate entities to the State Fire Marshal and the State EMS Bureau.

For example, if there is a medical call in Placitas a volunteer EMS responder will typically arrive on scene and have patient contact for a few minutes before a Sandoval County EMS unit arrives. Under the current setup the volunteer would have to return to their station and spend 30 minutes filling out an EMS report while the Sandoval County EMS unit generates their own report.

In the new proposed consolidation of fire districts the Placitas EMS volunteer would become part of the same report as the Sandoval County EMS unit. This change would reduce the paperwork burden on our volunteers in most instances.

The same scenario exists for a fire call where all three entities respond. For a structure fire in Algodones three separate reports are created instead of everything being consolidated into one report. Having everything from a fire on one report is the best interest of Sandoval County.

The State of New Mexico EMS Fund Act funds each district based on their service level. The proposal to consolidate three separate services (Algodones, Placitas, and Sandoval County) will cause Sandoval County to lose funding for Algodones and Placitas as separate EMS agencies. Sandoval County will however gain an estimated \$20,000 in additional State Fire Funds as a result of the consolidation.

This consolidation has been planned for at least six months and all personnel in Sandoval County Fire Department and its Districts have been briefed on what is planned.